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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER

1. INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP MET IN AM OF MARCH 22 TO CONSIDER CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON SMALL GROUP'S WORK TO WORKING GROUP. AS SOON AS MEETING CONVENED, US PRESENTED ITS UNOFFICIAL PAPER WHICH GROUPED PROPOSALS, NOTING THOSE THAT AWAKENED SPECIAL INTEREST AND THOSE ON WHICH GENERAL AGREEMENT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. US DEL EXPLAINED WE WERE INTRODUCING PAPER AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WE BELIEVE COMMITTEE LIST SHOULD APPEAR; AS BEST AS POSSIBLE, IT WAS AN OBJECTIVE LIST CONTAINING ALL PROPOSALS THAT HAD BEEN MADE TO DATE. US HAD SOUGHT TO PULL ALL IDEAS TOGETHER AND HAD ATTRIBUTED "INTEREST" AND POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT ON BASIS OF DISCUSSION, US DID NOT SEEK TO USURP DRAFTING JOB OF COMMITTEE BUT MERELY TO PROVIDE EXAMPLE; US DEL REQUESTED NO SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR ITS PIECE OF PAPER AND ASKED FOR NO MORE THAN THE TREATMENT RECEIVED BY OTHER PIECES OF PAPER.

2. AFTER BRIEF FLURRY WHEN PAPER WAS DISTRIBUTED TO GROUP, ALL SPEAKERS SPOKE OF USEFULNESS OF PAPER; MOST SPEAKERS FELT DOCUMENT COULD NOT BE PROPERLY CONSIDERED BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME, BUT CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

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IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR FUTURE WORK OF COMMITTEE. SPAIN PRAISED PAPER AS USEFUL CONTRIBUTION. USSR SAID US HAD PROCEEDED IN DIRECTION ALONG WHICH COMMITTEE SHOULD PROCEED; US PAPER GROUPED PROPOSALS IN TERMS OF CONCEPTS AND ELIMINATED REPETITION; FINAL COMMITTEE LIST SHOULD TAKE FORM PROPOSED BY US. EGYPT BELIEVED GROUP SHOULD CONSIDER, EVEN IN A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION,

THE US PAPER; CONSIDERED IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR  
PROGRESS OF COMMITTEE'S WORK. THROUGHOUT THE DAY, MANY  
DELS (INCLUDING CYPRUS, GREECE, GDR) CAME UP TO US DEL  
TO PRAISE ITS EFFORTS.

3. INFORMAL GROUP THEN RETURNED TO CONSIDERATION OF  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO WORKING GROUP. POTENTIAL PROBLEM  
HAS ARISEN OVER WHETHER COMPILATION OF PROPOSALS IS  
LIST CALLED FOR IN GA RES 32/45 OR STEP TOWARD  
FULFILLING COMMITTEE'S MANDATE. US AND UK DELS ARE TRYING  
TO ACHIEVE SOME FORM OF COMPROMISE. US DEL HAS BEEN  
TOLD PHILIPPINES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CO-SPONSORS GROUP  
WANT TO PUSH THE COMMITTEE INTO A VOTE IN ORDER TO  
BREAK THE "GENERAL AGREEMENT" PROCEDURE OF THE  
COMMITTEE. FRENCH WISH TO AVOID A VOTE BUT ARE  
RELUCTANT TO GO AS FAR AS US AND UK IN SEEKING A  
COMPROMISE. SOVIETS APPEAR AMBIVALENT AS TO WHETHER  
TO TRY TO FIND A COMPROMISE OR PROVOKE A VOTE IN THE  
HOPE IT WILL LEAD TO DISSOLUTION OF THE ENTIRE EXERCISE.  
WE HAVE CAUTIONED SOVIETS NOT TO TAKE IT FOR GRANTED  
WE WOULD GO OVER THE SIDE OF THE BOAT WITH THEM.  
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WILL  
CONTINUE AT 11 AM MARCH 23.

4. SPECIAL COMMITTEE MET, AS PLENARY, IN PM OF MARCH 22.  
CHAIRMAN READ OUT 45 PAGE REPORT OF WORKING GROUP'S  
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WORK ON RATIONALIZATION. CYPRUS, SIERRA LEONE AND  
CHINA SPOKE ON MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE  
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